

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(MBHB 09-278-US)**

In re Application of:)	
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Akio Wakabayashi)	Examiner: Michael J. Anderson
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Serial No. 10/517,908)	Art Unit: 3767
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Filed: January 30, 2006)	
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For: System and method for efficient)	
drainage of body cavity)	

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**RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION
MAILED DECEMBER 26, 2008**

Dear Sir:

With a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and a petition for a three-month extension of time, the Applicant submits the following amendments and remarks in response to Office Action mailed December 26, 2008 in connection with the above-identified application.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2; and

Remarks begin on page 5.

Along with this response, Applicant is submitting the large-entity RCE fee and the large-entity three-month extension of time fee. In addition, Applicant authorizes the Director to charge any and all necessary fees to Deposit Account Number 132490.